

Charles Jones Love to Andrew Jackson, January 15, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL CHARLES J. LOVE TO JACKSON.

Nashville, January 15, 1830.

My Dear General, You will find Inclosed an account of the stock and crop at the Hermitage, I found all well yesterday except one of the women and she was not much indisposed. Moses is s[t]ill with me, he is getting much better and I hope will be well enough to go home next week. I am afraid he has not a good Constitution and great deal of care must be taken of him. Joe is much as he was when I wrote you last. Joe has a brother that has had sore Eyes for several months, the Doct has attended to him but they get no better, he remains about the kitchen and is attended to etc. Steel is takeing the large Timber out of the new Ground, sending to the saw mill what will answer for Plank and scantling, the balance will be made into coal. they are drying clay for Brick etc etc

Your stock looks well generally but the mares and young colts are in very fine condition. the stockholder colt out of the brown mare that died will make an uncommon fine looking Horse, he is now upwards of 15 hands high. (your favourite) the sorrell one, has much Improved and grown considerably lately and will be a Horse of good size. The colt from the Oscar mare had been weaned some time before I recd. your letter on the subject of its sucking all the winter. It is in fine order and will do very well.

On the subject of your mares going to a Horse next spring I would advise them being put to Sir William, If not all a part of them. I have seen Arab, although fine looking animal, I do not like him as well as William, at all events the swayback mare ought not to be put to

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him, as he is very much so him self; There is in an other reason with me, If he was this celebrated Horse, he is said to be, he would not have left Virginia. Considerable offers have been made for Sir William, as I am informed, for the purpose of getting him back to Virginia; Sir William will be near the Hermitage, and the overseer can attend when the mares are put. last year one of the colts, was very much Injured by the travel up to Stockholder; you might enquire of some of your Virginia friends which of the two would be the most preferable and governable [*sic*] your self accordingly

I wrote you in my last that Mr. Hill advised me to perchase the Land of Mr. Mosely, I then gave you my reasons why I did not, On Wednesday last he again advised me to make the perchase, and said it would suit him to take it out of your next crop of Cotton. I have seen Capt Mosely, he wishes you to get the Land, and will wait until I hear from you on the subject. Mr. Steel Informed me that Dr. H[i]ght[?] had offered 10\$ for that part. I would have made the perchase, but I sent for the Capt. he said you should have the 150, but he wanted to sell more; The sooner you write me the better. William Donelson says you ought to perchase it, and advised me to close the bargain, but I could not go beyond my instructions, particularly as I have got the Capt to agree to wait your directions to me.

Steel said he wrote you as he could not please you, you had better lookout for some other person. He in my opinion has not the least Intention of going away. I am confident your last letter will still make him the more particular and attentive to your Orders. At first he was some what offended with me, I told him I should do my duty and he must go agreeably to your Orders and that if he did you would not sensure him for aneything, even if it turned out badley.

I wished him to take Andrews Horse at the 125\$ he says the Horse is much worse than when he agreed to give me that price, he now offers 75. My own Impression is that he never will get well, he is very badley spavined and will always be lame. you will say what Andrew will do on the subject. I said I would give him an answer in one month.

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In my next If you make the purchase of Mosely, I will give you my views of feeding cattle with the surpluss corn made on your Farms. I feel confident it will be more profitable in that way than any other,

I am my Dear Sir Your friend

Excuse this hasty scrawl, it is late at night

Memorandum of Stock Crop etc etc at the Hermitage 15 January, 1830

Corn cribbed, 1276 Barrels; 64 Stacks fodder; 40 do Oats; 11 do Rye; 51 Bales cotton, 27,056 lbs; 11769 lbs Pork killed; 40 Hogs more to kill.

Blooded Stock of Horses etc.

4 Brood mares; 1 -2 year old filley; 1 -3 do Constitution; 3 -2 yr old Stockholders; 3 young Sir Williams.

common horses

11 work horses; 4 work mules; 1 mule colt; 1 horse of Andrews; 1 Bay mare bot by Andw with mule colt; 1 -two year old filley.

cattle etc.

14 work steers; 7 at steers; 65 cows and young cattle; 123 head sheep; 250 head stock hogs.

Stock sold

Oscar horse by Cryer, \$800.00; 44 sheep; 3 do given away one by you and other by Andrew; 4 cows to Lucius Polk; 1 do given to Mrs Donaldson.

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Deaths

5 work horses; 1 cow and calf; 1 steer; 6 calves; 2[?] yearlings.

Killed for use of Farm.

4 Steers for beef; 4 smaller ones; 1 sold to Mitchell.

3 Negroes died; 3 do increase.

Cash recd. for sheep butter and vegetables \$126.24

Cash pd. out for sundry purposes 94.68

Balance \$31.56